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Lieutenants on the Loose:

16th STB junior officers receive development training

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BAMBERG, Germany – Nineteen lieutenants assigned to the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade stood alongside a quarter-mile track located on Warner Barracks, here, during the early morning hours, April 13. They were about to start an annual training event known as Lieutenant Development Training, which would consist of several events over the course of two days.

The first event was an Army Physical Fitness Test taken in the Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. The 16th STB commander, Lt. Col. Stephen Davis, led by example and took the APFT test alongside the lieutenants.

Once the APFT test was complete the lieutenants had approximately one hour before their next event. This allowed enough time for them to proceed to the arms room and draw their weapons.

The next task was to zero and qualify during marksmanship training with Close Combat Optics. Once all the officers were on-site at the range they were given some

pre-marksmanship instruction on the CCOs prior to zeroing and qualifying on their weapons.

The next training event was the configuration and employment of the Single-Channel Ground-Air Radio System radio in a man-pack configuration. They were given a full set of instructions on the radio to include operation of the radio in both single channel and frequency hop as well as in plain text and cipher text.

Once that training was complete, the officers of 16th STB moved on to the medical lanes. The battalion medics set up an entire lane for them to run through in teams of four. The lane consisted of many different stations and consisted of basic combat lifesaver skills.

Upon successfully completing medical training, the junior officers then participated in an Officer Professional Development session with Lt. Col. Davis. The OPD covered some different tactics when dealing with asymmetric warfare as well as different aspects of leadership and planning while performing tactical missions.

At the beginning of day two all the officers were in full combat gear to include Individual Body Armor, Advance Combat Helmet, knee and elbow pads and gloves. They began a three-hour session on combatives and learning the different takedowns while wearing full gear. Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Mosely, the combative instructor, surprised the participating officers when he pulled out a taser to simulate a knife.

At the conclusion of combatives it was time to once again draw weapons and head to the brigade motorpool for a class on proper Preventative Maintenance Checks

and Services. The PMCS class lasted until 11:00 a.m. when the officers were instructed to move out to the Local Training Area.

At the LTA the lieutenants moved tactically to the site where 16th STB food service Soldiers had set up a field kitchen in preparation for the Philip A. Connelly Field competition where they had lunch.

The next event was a class on the Blue Force Tracker systems. The 16th STB Signal Company lined up several trucks to teach the junior officers the intricate workings of the BFT, to include substantial hands-on training with the system.

To close out the training, the lieutenants went back to the battalion conference room for the After Action Review of the last 48 hours of events. Lt. Col. Davis had pizza and soda for the officers as they discussed what should be changed, eliminated or improved and what to sustain for next year's Lieutenant Development Training.

Overall, the training was a success for the junior officers within the 16th STB. They bonded with their peers while receiving training in many different areas.

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A team of lieutenants fight their way through one of the medical lanes during the Lieutenant Development Training course on Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany, April 13. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Strate, 16th STB).



110414-A-ZZ000-002: 2nd Lt. Daniel Burke battles with 16th Special Troops Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Stephen Davis during combatives training at Freedom Fitness Facility on Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany April 14. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Strate, 16th STB).